

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE SPECIALIST

NATURE OF WORK

This is administrative and technical work providing input, logistical support, management and training to a specialized urban search and rescue team.

Work involves the development and implementation of training in the field of urban search and rescue, hazardous materials, weapons of mass destruction and other specialized training. Work also involves developing strategies that maintain a high degree of unit effectiveness and a cooperative atmosphere between department personnel and other members of the program. An employee in this class is expected to exercise considerable independent judgment and personal initiative within the framework of departmental policies. Supervision is received from the Deputy Fire Chief of Training and Assistant Chief of Support Services with work being reviewed in the form of reports, conferences and effectiveness of the training program for Urban Search and Rescue task force members.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Provides the Deputy Fire Chief of Training with input regarding policies and procedures pertaining to the operation of task force training functions.

Develops and delivers training specific to Urban Search and Rescue response.

Provides and receives input from the task force management to implement changes in procedures or practices.

Confers with other trainers to ensure all training requirements are met.

Provides input regarding employee performance as it relates to the urban search and rescue environment.

Provides logistical support to the Urban Search and Rescue program.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge in hazardous materials response meeting NFPA 472 standards, technical rescue meeting NFPA 1670 standards, and weapons of mass destruction.

Considerable knowledge of urban search and rescue program planning, evaluation and management.

Considerable knowledge of urban search and rescue equipment and management practices as they pertain to the national task force system.

Considerable knowledge of the rules and regulations of the FEMA urban search and rescue system.

Considerable knowledge of the types, personnel requirements and uses of urban search and rescue equipment.

Ability to supervise and motivate personnel, analyze problems and provide task force management with identified solutions.

Ability to deliver training, develop lesson plans, devise and administer tests, and create and record documentation of training.

Ability to interact with a variety of people.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from an accredited four year college or university with major course work in public or business administration or related field, or in fire protection technology plus considerable experience in the areas of course development and delivery, firefighting, hazardous materials response and emergency medical activities and experience with an urban search and rescue task force. Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, or Technician certification and Incident Command for Hazardous Materials certification. Certification as a Fire Instructor I and II or equivalent.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a senior high school or equivalent plus some experience performing firefighting and emergency medical activities; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills. Candidates must also meet such specific physical requirements as established by the City.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid State of Nebraska driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

Possession of State of Nebraska certification as a Fire Fighter I or equivalent.

Eligible to be a member of the NETF1 Urban Search and Rescue Task Force.

Approved by: _____
Department Head Personnel Director

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